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STATE PREPARES FOR WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS

BATON ROUGE (February 11, 2010) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has activated the GOHSEP Crisis Action Team (CAT) and is working with other state and local agencies to respond to winter weather conditions. GOHSEP is coordinating preparedness and response efforts with the Louisiana State Police (LSP) and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to make sure impacted parishes have the resources needed in anticipation of snow, sleet, and potential icing of Louisiana roadways in parts of the state.

"We are anticipating some potential problems this evening and into the early morning hours. We hope everyone prepares to be off the roads and indoors until the icy conditions subside," said GOHSEP Director Mark Cooper.

The current weather forecasts call for a possibility of up to four inches of snow in parts of North Louisiana. Southwest and Southeast Louisiana could also experience snow, sleet and icy conditions.

Any icing issues will mainly affect bridges and overpasses. LSP and DOTD will monitor the roadways and announce road closures for state highways. Additionally, DOTD district crews have been placed on alert and are readying equipment for possible response. Motorist Assistance Patrol (MAP) units are also available to work extended hours, if necessary. Road updates can be obtained by dialing 5-1-1 and on-line at www.511la.org.

For the latest information on local weather, residents should tune into their local television and radio stations. For more information on how to keep you and your family safe, go to www.getagameplan.org.

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